

2. Calendar Year 1993

- (a) 35 Battle Tanks from China.
- (b) 40 Combat Aircraft from China.
- (c) 2 Warships from United Kingdom.

3. Calendar Year 1994

- (a) 82 Battle Tanks from China.
- (b) 2 Attack Helicopters from United Kingdom.
- (c) 4 Warships from United Kingdom.
- (d) 1 Warship from Netherlands.

4. Calendar Year 1995

- (a) 51 Battle Tanks from China.
- (b) 20 Armoured Combat Vehicles from China.
- (c) 1 Attack Helicopter from United Kingdom.

**Threat to India's Security due to
Afghan Situation**

2439. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Taliban on rampage holds many terrors for India" which appeared in Indian Express dated October 5, 1996;

(b) whether there is any adverse impact on India's security due to change of Government in Afghanistan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the increased threat to country's security?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government continues to follow developments in Afghanistan very closely and evaluate their implications for us. There have been recent credible reports in the international media on the Taliban handing over terrorist training facilities to the Harkat-ul-Ansar. It is reported that at their training camps, Pakistani and other youth are being trained for terrorist activities in Kashmir.

Government continues to maintain its vigil and is taking all necessary steps to safeguard the country's security.

Credibility of Indian Air Force

2440. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Indian Air Force is gradually

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c). The concept of a 'lean and mean' force is the ultimate objective of the IAF, since it enables economy in scale of deployment of available forces to get still better results. This has been translated into practice, in terms of planning for modernisation of the IAF, by undertaking mid-life upgradation of existing weapon systems with sophisticated systems, acquisition of modern and Electronic warfare armour and provision of Precision Guided Munitions.

**Selection of Candidates for the Post of
Principal in KVe**

2441. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether departmental candidates applying for the post of Principal in Kendriya Vidyalayas must have 15 years teaching experience as PGT or they should clear departmental test;

(b) if so, whether OBC candidates have been exempted from clearing the said departmental test;

(c) if not, whether some OBC candidates have been selected for the post of Principal last year though they neither had 15 years experience nor had cleared the test;

(d) if so, the facts and reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective measures being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) In accordance with the recruitment rules of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Vice-Principal and/or Post Graduate Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas with 15 years service as such and Vice-Principal and/or Post Graduate Teachers with 10 years service and have passed the Departmental examination are eligible for the post of Principal in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (a). A complaint has been received which is under investigation.

[Translation]

Irrigation Problems in Southern-Bihar

2442. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the irrigation